

My Lord,

This Paper comes to your Lordship's Hands, as we take your Lordship to be one of the Pillars of our Church and Government, not easily sway'd by the whispering Enchantments of our State-Mountebanks, who would usurp to themselves all Power in the City, the better to spread their Contagion into all Corporations through the Kingdoms. Many other Reasons might be given to countermine their secret Poison, which they infuse into the Minds of the Credulous and Easie, as not discerning through the Vizor of their specious Pretences those pernicious Principles and Designs, which are equally inconsistent with Monarchy and Peirage. All that we aim at, is to have a sure Foundation laid for our Established Religion, and Government here, by preventing a little Commonwealth in the City, as the Fore-runner of one in the Kingdom.

Reasons humbly offered, for the Lords ready Concurrence with the House of Commons, in the Bill for reversing the Judgment in the Quo Warranto, and restoring the City-Charter in *statu quo*, &c.

1. **H**ereby a clear and sure Foundation is laid, for whatever Superstructure or Addition, by way of enlargement of Privilege, shall be thought fit by the Supreme Authority to be afterwards granted, for regulating the Government and Welfare of the Citizens; and for securing the publick Peace and Tranquility of the City, to the Honour of Their Majesties and this Kingdom.

2. Which cannot be done with Certainty and Safety, as it is now blended, and mixed with several Alterations and Additions, (of New and Old hard to be distinguished,) made in the City since their ancient Rights and Charters have been invaded.

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3. All Arguments made Use of against it, (whatever may be pretended,) do really centre in the Interest of particular Men, now in Office and Place, who (though they came in at the Window) do now endeavour to be continued by Act of Parliament, to the Hazard and Prejudice of the Publick, in order to serve their own Tares, and promote their own particular Designs.

4. Which is contradictory to their own Arguments, (almost in the Mouth of every Dissenter,) and expressed in their late Petitions (pretended to be from the Common-Hall on Mid-summer-Day last) presented to the Parliament, wherein they thank the King and Parliament for restoring them to their ancient Liberties, of a free Choice of their Magistrates by a Majority of Votes of the Citizens.

Which will be corroborated by this Bill, to the future Benefit and Advantage of the City and Kingdom. And they need not fear (if they behaved themselves well) to be chosen again by the Citizens, in whom they all agree the Power of Right of Choice to lie.

But if they have not (by such good Behaviour) commended themselves worthy of so great Honour and Trust, they cannot think it equal or just, they should be continued and established therein by a New Law, as Magistrates and Governors, against the good liking and Consent of their Electors, whom they allow to be the proper Judges of their Merit.

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